

Protocol No. 02

PARAMEDIC OUT-OF-VALLEY TRANSPORT

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If, due to the seriousness of a case, Medical control and EMS providers decide that the patient should be accompanied by the Paramedics during transport (PMA), but the patient or his family wishes him transported to a hospital outside of the Salt Lake Valley, the Paramedics will instruct the patient or family that this is not possible without the patient first being evaluated and stabilized at the closest appropriate hospital. They may then be transferred by the appropriate transport method to the hospital of their choice once the Emergency Department Physician determines the safety of prolonged transport.

If the patient's location is nearer to an out-of valley hospital initially because of peripheral response, the patient may be transported to that hospital.